What is claimed is:

1. A key input device comprising a plurality of input keys arranged on a surface of a main body case, each of the input keys having a body of transparent resin, the key body being provided with a light blocking film formed over a front surface thereof, the light blocking film being partly cut out to form a light transmitting pattern representing a key identification symbol, the input keys being provided with a light source positioned therebelow for illuminating the input keys, the key input device being characterized in that each of the input keys has a semitransparent screen formed on a rear surface thereof in an area to be illuminated with the light source, the screen extending over a portion of the area to be illuminated which portion includes a region opposed to the light transmitting pattern.

2. A key input device according to claim 1 wherein the screen is adjusted in light transmittance and area in accordance with the shape of the light transmitting pattern.

3. A key input device according to claim 2 wherein the screen is divided into a plurality of screen pieces in accordance with the shape of the light transmitting pattern, and each of the screen pieces is adjusted in light transmittance.

4. A key input device according to claim 2 wherein the

screen is divided into a plurality of screen pieces in accordance with the shape of the light transmitting pattern, and each of the screen pieces is adjusted in area.

5. A key input device according to claim 1 wherein the screen is colored.

6. A portable telephone comprising a plurality of input keys arranged on a surface of a main body case, each of the input keys having a body of transparent resin, the key body being provided with a light blocking film formed over a front surface thereof, the light blocking film being partly cut out to form a light transmitting pattern representing a key identification symbol, the input keys being provided with a light source positioned therebelow for illuminating the input keys, each of the input keys having a semitransparent screen formed on a rear surface thereof in an area to be illuminated with the light source, the screen extending over a portion of the area to be illuminated which portion includes a region opposed to the light transmitting pattern.